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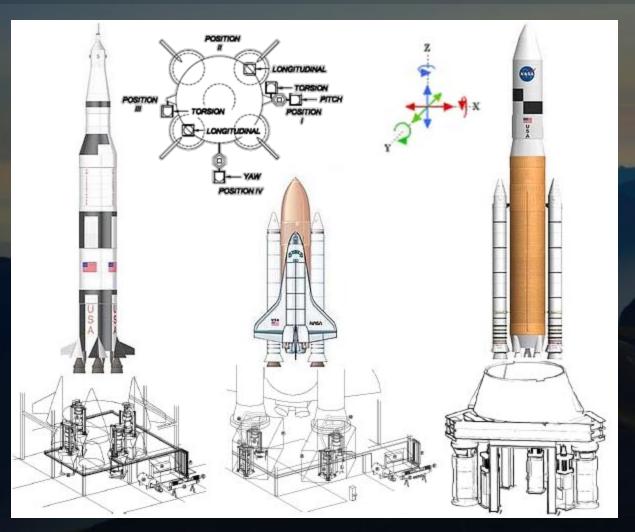
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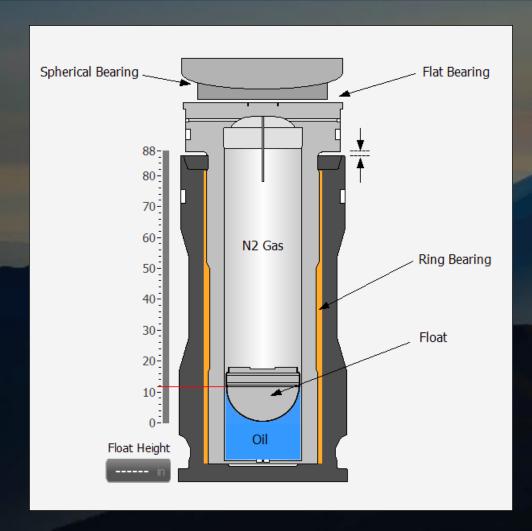
Hydrodynamic Suspension System (HDS)

Integral part of IVGVT allowing meas. of vehicle modal characteristics Verification of FEM, improve GN&C stability, identify resonance anomalies



7,200,000 lb Lifting cap. 6 Axis DOF to simulate Free-Free boundary flight conditions. Strategically placed electro-dynamic shakers simulate thrust oscillation and acoustic shock.

HDS Piston and Cylinder Hydrodynamic Suspension System



Unique Design: Hydraulic Lift + N2 Gas Spring. Nearly 100% inefficient but 100% effective! Why? Continuous Hydraulic flow through and across bearing surfaces.

Dynamic Test Stand, circa 1966 Saturn V Testing

Once the HDS holds the launch vehicle in suspension, it will be so "weightless" that a person will be able to move it in any sideways direction with one hand



Prior to the HDS, IVGVT was accomplished by suspending the vehicle with cables. Prohibitive due to weight limitations and cable resonance.

Original HDS testing, circa 1965 Martin Marietta Engineers

I wonder what a day around hydraulic oil does to a white shirt and tie?

Hydraulic Pump Unit and Sump Valve Stand Hydrodynamic Suspension System



Interface to wide variety of analog and digital controls and sensors Motor Controls (4), Discrete Valves (24), Proportional Valves (10), Pressure (20), Temp (9), Flow (3), Discrete Inputs (45), RTD (3), Discrete Outputs (14)

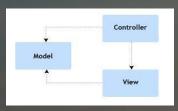
Refurbished HDS Cylinder and Piston Hydrodynamic Suspension System



One year to refurbish 4 HDS, replacement cost > \$1,000,000

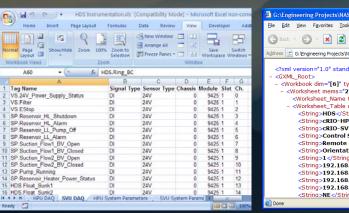
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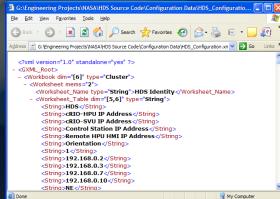
Extensible Architecture supporting Distributed RT control





2. Workbook based Configuration (GXML based)





- 3. Instrumentation Management Tools
 - a. Tag Properties: Scaling, Filtering, ZOFS, Initial Value, DB%
 - b. Target Imaging
 - c. HMI bindings

Design Goals:

4. 24/7 Historical Data Logging (up to 20Hz)





5. RT Target sync to GPS, timestamped +/- 1ms



- 6. Diagnostics
 - a. Multi-Tiered Alarm
 - b. RT process Monitor
 - c. Syslog, DSM

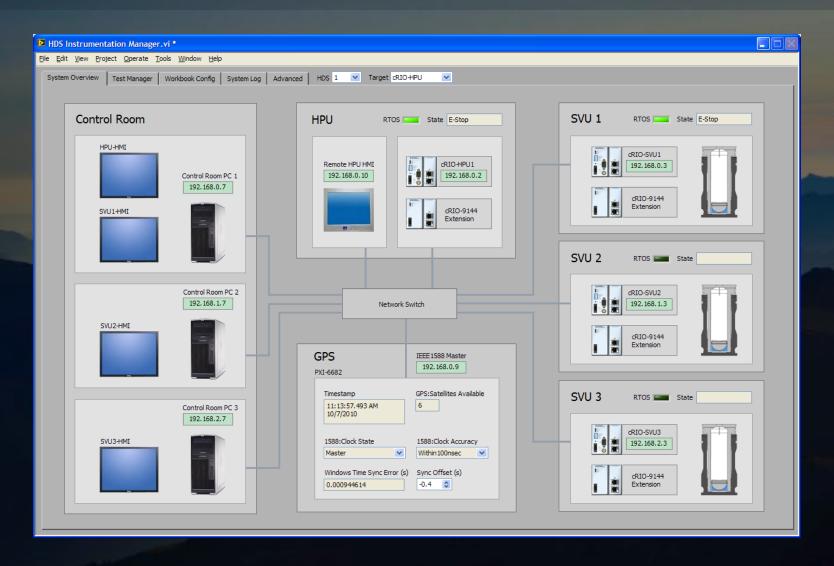


- 7. Safety/Reliability features (FMEA driven)
 - a. Watchdog based ESTOP->Park
 - b. Pump Dropout detection
 - c. N2 pressure interlocks
 - d. Bearing Contact monitor



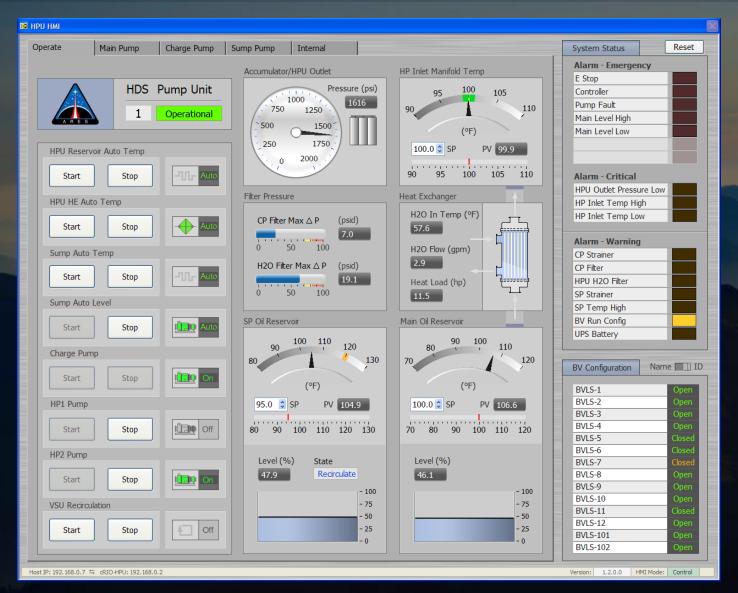
HDS Instrumentation Manager

One stop shopping for all your HDS configuration needs



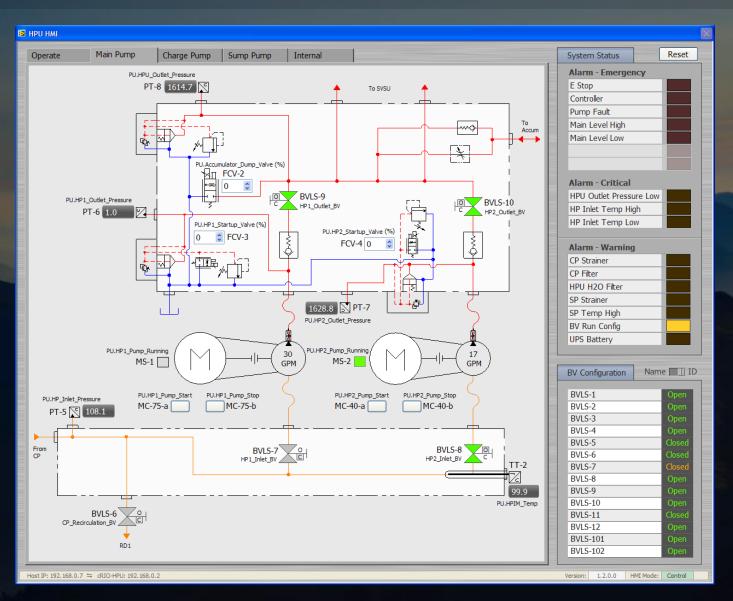
Overview of HDS networked devices, cRIO, HMI, PXI-6682

HPU HMI, Primary Operation Screen



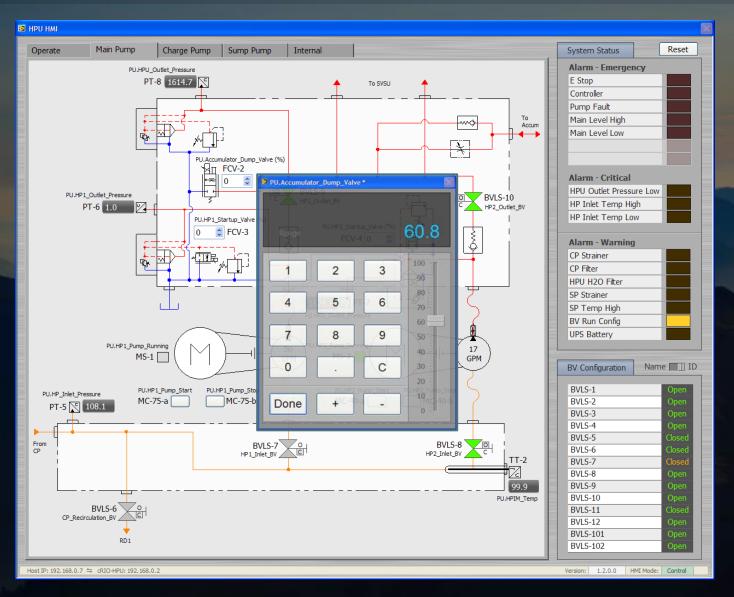
Pump Startup Sequencing, Tank Heater/Level, HE Temp Reg. +/- .2F, Filter Life Monitor

HDS HPU, Manual Pump Controls



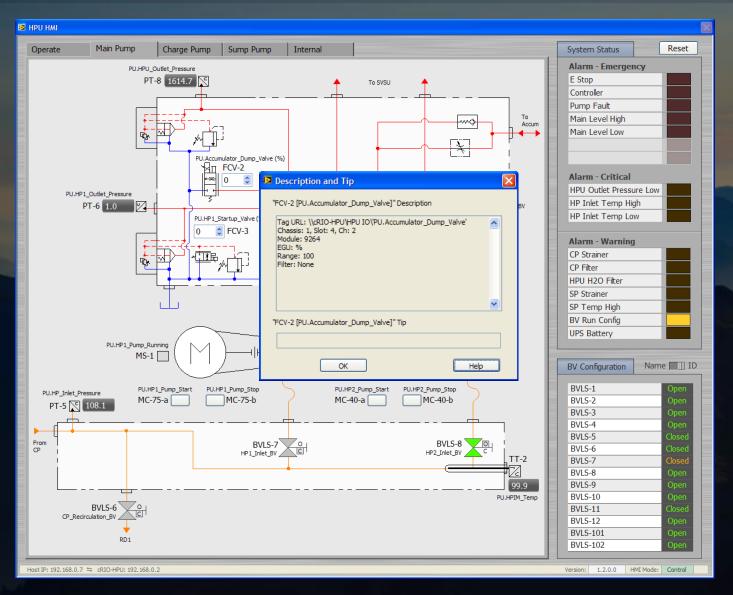
Touchpanel aware data entry, Tag ZOFS, Tag Stats Display

HDS HPU, Manual Pump Controls



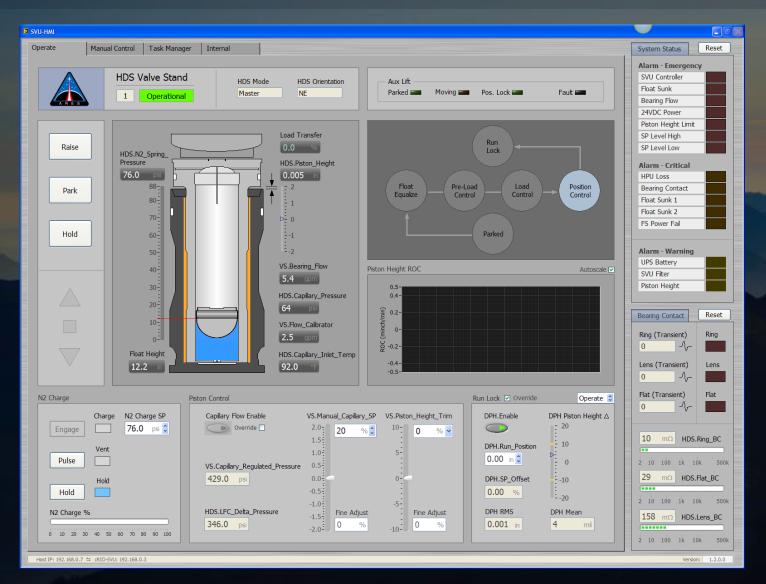
Touch Panel Numeric Data Keypad, activated by 2s touch on any control

HDS HPU, Manual Pump Controls



HMI tag stats display, right click on any control or indicator

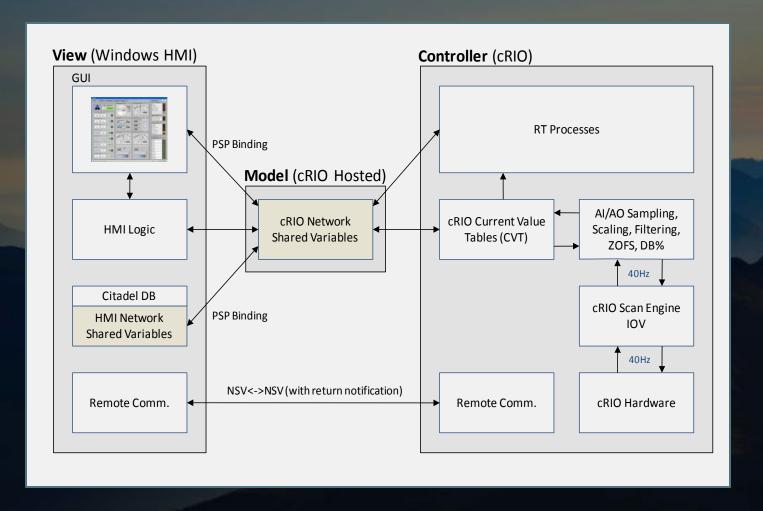
SVU HMI, Operate Screen



Individual and sync'd HDS control, N2 Autocharge, DPH (Dynamic Piston Height Control) dPH/dt, DPH Mean, HDS state, Bearing Contact Monitor (transient and persistent)

HDS Software Architecture

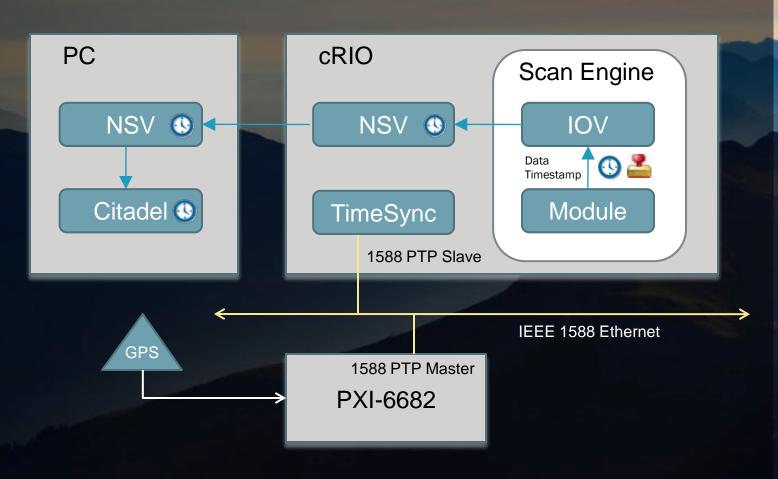
MVC (Model View Controller)



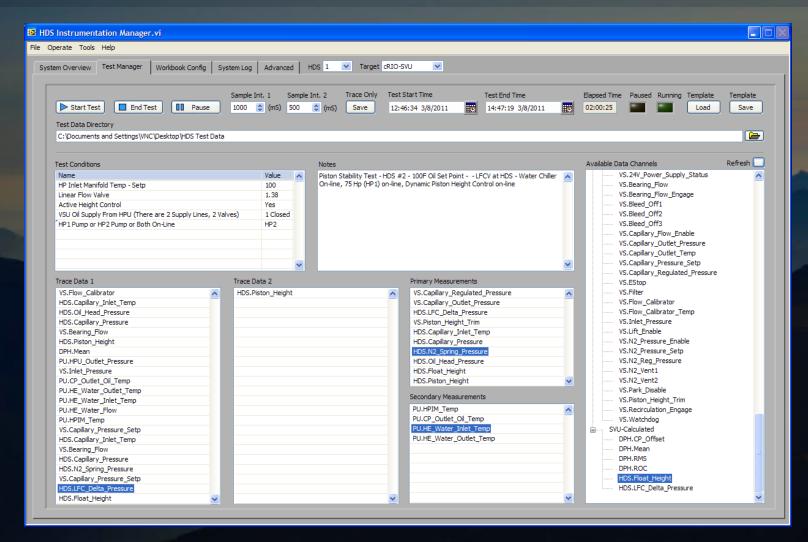
Model – SVE/PSP interface supports NSV bindings, events, static/dynamic NSV access

cRIO 1588 TimeSync

- IOV Timestamp by Module in Scan Engine
- IOV -> NSV binding preserves timestamp
- +/- 100us RT system time, +/- 1ms data timestamp

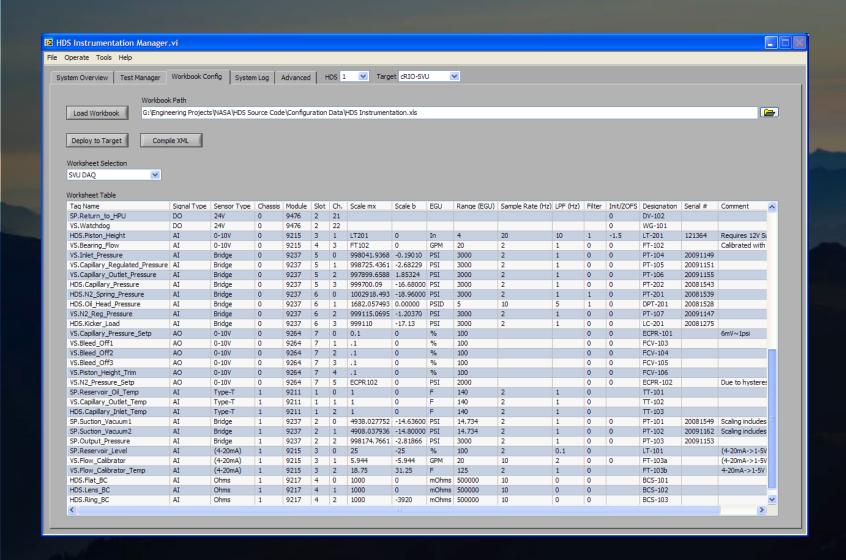


HDS Instrumentation Manager Test Manager

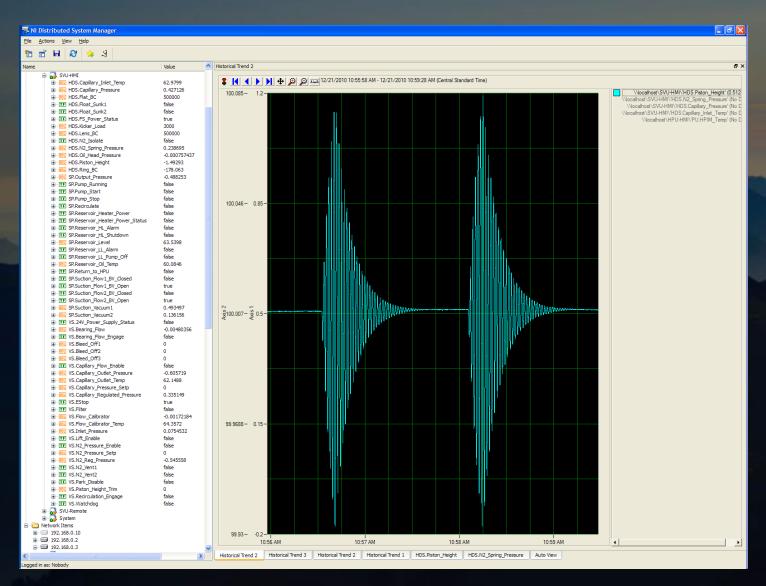


Create test report templates defining data channels to be recorded during a test. Upon test completion an excel workbook is populated with historical data and saved.

HDS Instrumentation Manager Workbook Configuration, Compile to GXML -> Target

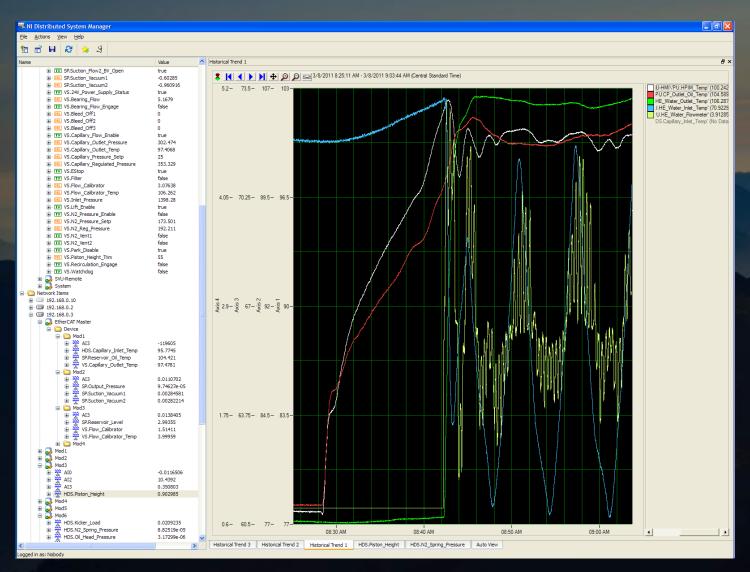


DSM Historical Trend Capability



Manual Shake Test, Natural HDS damping characteristic

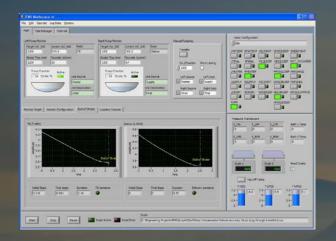
DSM Historical Trend Capability



New water chiller cycling disturbances

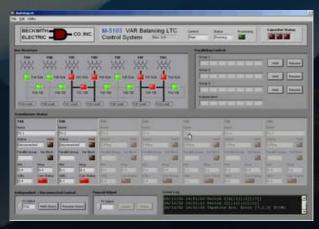
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